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2012 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 4

Fall Announcement # 4, District 2 Commercial Period 1

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The Yukon Area began Fall Season management in the lower river districts on July 16. Based on the 2012 summer chum salmon run, the projected fall chum salmon run size is greater than 900,000 fish. This level of abundance should be adequate to meet escapement and subsistence priorities and provide for commercial harvest. Both summer and fall chum salmon are currently entering the river in low numbers. Hence, commercial fishing in the lower river at this transition time would likely harvest a mixture of both stocks.

District Y-2

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District Y-2 on Sunday, July 22 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

For the entire District Y-2, no Chinook salmon can be sold during this commercial opening. Fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. **Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be reported on fish tickets.**

In District Y-2 subsistence salmon fishing is open during the fall season for 7 days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches. In District Y-2 subsistence salmon fishing will close at 3:00 a.m. Sunday, July 22, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 23.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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